

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department

The role of public health is to:

PROMOTE community-wide wellness,

PREVENT disease, and

PROTECT the community from infectious diseases, environmental hazards, and epidemics



Austin Youth Development Program

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Program Overview

Purpose

- Provide mentoring and job skills training to young adults (17-22 yrs.) who have educational, judicial, and/or situational challenges.

Annual budget of \$608,756

- Landscaping \$99,280
- Graffiti \$509,476

Staffing

Program Overview

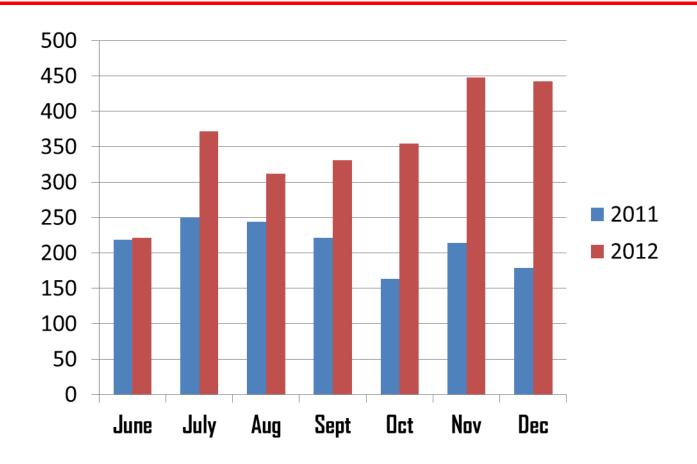
Programs

- Graffiti Abatement Services
- Graffiti Volunteer Program
- Lawn Services

Services to Youth

- Provide mentoring and work skills training
- Provide guidance to remove barriers to employment
- Provide tools to set foundations for success

Trends - Graffiti Calls to Austin 311



Program Challenges

- Maximazing resources (staff, supplies, fleet)
- Maintaining efficiency, safety & quality work
- Increased occurrence of big events in Austin
- Balancing "style" with code compliance

Accomplishments (2011-2012)

- Cleaned 14,687 sites (1,361,418 sq. ft. of graffiti)
- Worked with 949 volunteers to clean 57 work sites
- Collaborated with multiple organizations to increase work productivity and opportunities for youth (training and job links)
- Expanded youth case management system
- Updates and improvements to program fleet